

Prestigious Industry Achievement Award for Walker Group Chairman



Mike Walker, Chairman of the Walker Group (Scotland), has been presented with a special Industry Achievement Award at the Homes for Scotland Awards on 1 May at Edinburgh's EICC.

The influential awards ceremony, which is house building's key annual event, saw almost 500 senior industry representatives gather to recognise talent and contributions within the sector.

The theme of this year's awards ('talent and achievement') was chosen to reflect the challenges presented by the severe economic downturn, acknowledging that it is the efforts of those working within the industry that will help it deliver the new homes that Scotland urgently needs.

The coveted Industry Achievement Award recognised the outstanding contribution that Mike Walker has made to the Scottish house building sector during his career.

Having founded the Walker Group in 1969, Mike celebrates 40 years in the industry this year. During

this time, he has also been presented with a CBE for services to Lothian and Edinburgh Enterprise Ltd (LEEL), where he was previously Chairman and his passion and leadership has long been admired by his peers.

A pioneer of timber frame construction, Mike was recognised by the Homes for Scotland judging panel as having helped steer the industry through periods of downturn, of which he has seen three throughout the course of his career.

The award, which was presented by broadcaster Isla Traquair, also recognised his championing of the industry and valuable contributions on a wide range of key issues, including the reform of the planning system and the challenges of building competitively priced homes against a backdrop of rising costs.